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Memorandum

City and County of San Jose's Office

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Leslye Corsiglia

SUBJECT: NEW SECTION 8 VOUCHERS
FOR SAN JOSE AND SANTA
CLARA COUNTY

DATE: July 16, 2001

Approved

Date

7.26.01

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

SNI AREAS: All

INFORMATION

On July 2, 2001, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has awarded 500 new Housing Choice Vouchers – formerly known as Section 8 Vouchers and Certificates – to San Jose and another 500 Vouchers to Santa Clara County.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is the federal government's major initiative for helping very low-income families, people with disabilities and the elderly afford decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market. The program, including Vouchers awarded to San Jose, is operated locally by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara. There are presently over 25,000 names on the Housing Authority's waiting list for Vouchers.

It is anticipated that the majority of the 500 Vouchers awarded to Santa Clara County will be utilized in San Jose, given the relatively lower rental rates here as compared with the remainder of the County. As announced by HUD, the total value of the 1,000 Vouchers awarded to San Jose and Santa Clara County is \$10,512,500.

If you have any questions in this regard, please call me at extension 3863.

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